



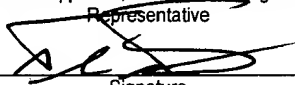
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated April 13, 2006, which provides for a response period ending July 13, 2006.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.